

# NEBRASKA SUPREME COURT



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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

February 19, 2009, Application Deadline Set for District Court Judge Vacancy, Twelfth Judicial District

LINCOLN -- According to Supreme Court Justice Michael McCormack, the Judicial Nominating Commission for District Judge in the 12th Judicial District (consisting of Banner, Box Butte, Cheyenne, Dawes, Deuel, Garden, Grant, Kimball, Morrill, Scotts Bluff, Sheridan, and Sioux counties) held its first public hearing on the qualifications of four candidates who previously submitted their names to fill the vacancy in the office of District Judge due to the non-retention of the Honorable Kristine R. Cecava. At the conclusion of that public hearing, a majority of members of the Commission were unable to agree to advance the names of any of the four candidates to the Governor. Therefore, in accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. § 24-810(3), the Commission shall institute a search for additional candidates to fill the vacancy.

A second public hearing shall be held in the Old Scotts Bluff County Courthouse Building, 1725 Tenth Street, 2nd Floor, District Courtroom No. 1, in Gering, Nebraska, beginning at 12:30 p.m. Mountain Time (MT) on Thursday, March 12, 2009. The principal place of office for the judicial vacancy is Sidney, Cheyenne County, Nebraska. At the hearing, the Commission will receive information on the qualifications of candidates to fill the vacancy in the office of District Judge due to the non-retention of the Honorable Kristine R. Cecava.

The public is welcome to attend the hearing and present information concerning candidates for the judicial opening. Individuals interested in applying for the position must do so on an approved form available through the Chairperson of the Commission or the Office of the State Court Administrator, P.O. Box 98910, Lincoln, NE 68509. The application form may also be printed from the Nebraska Judicial Branch Web site at <http://www.supremecourt.ne.gov/forms/supreme-court-judicial-vacancy.shtml>. Completed applications must be returned no later than 5:00 p.m., Thursday, February 19, 2009, to the Chairperson, Justice McCormack, at the above-stated address or delivered to the office of the Clerk of the Supreme Court, Room 2413, State Capitol.

A listing of the members of the Judicial Nominating Commission can be found on the Nebraska Judicial Branch Web site at <http://www.supremecourt.ne.gov/commissions/jnc-ccdc12-roster.shtml>.

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